

**MOTION BY MAYOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH**

**September 1, 2015**

The Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District (AVAQMD) at its July 21, 2015, meeting, authorized \$200,000 in Mobile Source Emissions Reduction Program (AB2766) funds to create a grant program to support public transit programs in the Antelope Valley. Under the terms of this program, member agencies of the Antelope Valley Transit Authority (AVTA) comprised of the County and the Cities of Lancaster and Palmdale may provide fare subsidies for seniors and/or disabled persons and funding for electric buses and infrastructure. The AVAQMD will match AVTA member agency funds on a dollar for dollar basis not to exceed \$200,000.

The AVTA at its July 28, 2015, meeting, approved a Senior Subsidy Program to be implemented by September 1, 2015. It is proposed that AVTA member agencies utilize the AVAQMD grant funds and the member agency contributions to finance the fare subsidy program and to finance electric buses and infrastructure for the AVTA.

The County's share of cost under this proposal is estimated to be \$56,000, including \$13,000 for the cost of the fare subsidy program for County residents

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and \$43,000 for electric buses and infrastructure in accordance with the County's jurisdictional share of the AVTA service. The AVAQMD grant will reimburse 50 percent of these costs for a net cost of \$28,000 in County Proposition A Local Return funds. The County's participation in this program will improve transit access for seniors and/or disabled persons in the Antelope Valley and will support AVTA efforts to have a zero-emission fleet.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Find that financing of a fare subsidy program and electric buses and infrastructure are statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act pursuant to Section 21080(b)(10) of the Public Resources Code;

2. Authorize up to \$56,000 for the fare subsidy program and electric buses and infrastructure in Fiscal Year 2015-16 from the Fifth Supervisorial District's Proposition A Local Return Transit Program with 50 percent of this cost to be reimbursed by the AVAQMD grant. Funding is included in the Transit Enterprise Fund Fiscal Year 2015-16 Budget.

3. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to negotiate and execute an agreement with the AVAQMD to accept Mobile Source Emissions Reduction Program matching funds for the above stated purposes; and

4. Authorize the Director of Public Works or her designee to negotiate and execute an agreement with the AVTA to administer the fare subsidy program and the financing of electric buses and infrastructure.

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